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To VIKTOR[1]

[Your no.][a] 3028. Some weeks ago GOOD GIRL [UMNITSA][ii] told MAYOR [MER][iii] that HELMSMAN [RULEVOJ][iv] as a result of a conversation with DIR[v] had apparently decided that DIR must be withdrawn completely from our work in order to employ her fully on FELLOW-COUNTRYMANLY [ZEMLYaCHESKIJ][vi] work. In HELMSMAN's opinion DIR's nerves have been badly shaken and her health is poor, which renders her unsuitable for our work. In MAYOR's opinion it is possible to get H. [R.][vii] to change his opinion about the advisability of this decision which MAYOR suspects was made under pressure from GOOD GIRL, who for some reason dislikes DIR. MAYOR has informed G.G. [U.][viii] that if DIR is really ill she will need rather to be withdrawn for a rest, but afterwards be used on liaison [with][a] a conspirative apartment etc. She has been working for a long time and has acquired considerable experience. MAYOR proposes that she should not be employed on active FELLOW-COUNTRYMANLY[vi] work. Telegraph your opinion.

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Distribution

Please advise whether information on the COUNTRY's [STRANA][ix] war production and war effort should be brought to the notice of the head Neighbour [SOSED][x] (of course without indicating the source). You are aware of the danger of people possibly being sent to check our sources. Moreover, the lack of exchange of information with the Neighbour here does not contribute, in my view, to our friendly relations; nevertheless, I have not as yet established relations with him.

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MAY [MAJ][xi]

T.N.: [a] Inserted by translator.

- Comments: [i] VIKTOR: probably Lt.-General P.N. FITIN.
[ii] UMNITSA: Elizabeth BENTLEY.
[iii] MER: unidentified.
[iv] RULEVOJ: Earl BROWDER.
[v] DIR: possibly Mary Wolfe PRICE.
[vi] ZEWLYaCHESKIJ: i.e. Communist Party.
[vii] R.: i.e. RULEVOJ.
[viii] U.: i.e. UMNITSA.
[ix] STRANA: the U.S.S.R.
[x] SOSED: a member of the Soviet military intelligence organisation.
[xi] MAJ: Pavel Ivanovich FEDOSIMOV.
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